REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of May 01, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On May 04, 2006 Andrew Velez, a documented member of the Choppers 12 street gang, was arrested in Pomona, California by members of PSWRFTF, parole agents from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) - Office of Correctional Safety, agents from the United States Secret Service, and investigators from the Los Angeles County (CA) District Attorney's Office. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department wanted Velez for Murder, Attempted Murder, and Assault with a Firearm. CDCR also wanted Velez for Parole Violation. Velez, while attending a barbeque at an East Los Angeles, CA home allegedly became involved in an argument with another individual. The argument became heated and spilled into the street where a third individual sat in a car. Velez allegedly produced a weapon and began firing, killing the man with whom he originally began arguing and wounding the individual in the car. Investigators developed information on Velez's location in Pomona, established surveillance at the target location, observed Velez, and safely took him into custody.



Andrew Velez Wanted for: Murder, Attempted Murder & Assault

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On May 01, 2006 Darnell Cloud, a documented member of the *Bloods* street gang, and Paula Phillips were arrested in Paulsboro, NJ by members of the NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities in Camden, NJ wanted Cloud in connection with a fatal shooting occurring April 15, 2006 outside of a local café. Cloud allegedly shot the victim, an armed security guard working for the café, following a fight between gang members that started inside the business. NY/NJ RFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), learned that Cloud fled to his brother, Lamont Cloud's, residence in Paulsboro. Investigators responded to this location, established covert surveillance, and observed Lamont Cloud's girlfriend, Paula Phillips, enter the home. NY/NJ RFTF personnel surrounded the target home, made entry, discovered both Phillips and Darnell Cloud hiding inside, and took each individual safely into custody. Phillips faces charges of Hindering.

Bloods Gang Member





Darnell Cloud & Paula Phillips Wanted for: Murder & Hindering

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On May 02, 2006 Anthony Reynolds was arrested in Robbins, IL by members of GLRFTF. Authorities wanted Reynolds for Murder in connection with the shooting death of a male victim at a local car wash. Reynolds allegedly became embroiled in an argument with the victim over control of drug trafficking in Harvey, IL, as well as a female acquaintance. After the argument escalated, Reynolds allegedly shot the man four times, killing him. With critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), GLRFTF investigators developed a probable location for Reynolds in Robbins. As investigators approached the target residence, Reynolds leapt from a second floor window and ran from law enforcement. Following a brief foot pursuit, GLRFTF personnel took Reynolds safely into custody. A search of Reynolds' residence produced a quantity of suspected crack cocaine, a Colt .223 assault rifle equipped with a high powered scope, and several hundred rounds of ammunition.



Anthony Reynolds
Wanted for:
Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On April 27, 2006 London Slusher, William Hardy and Frederick Florence were arrested in southwestern Atlanta, GA by members of SERFTF, members of the Fulton County (GA) SWAT Team, deputies from the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, and officers from the Fulton County PD Major Case Division. Authorities in Fulton County wanted each man for Murder and two counts of Aggravated Assault. Slusher, Hardy, and Florence, who all worked as bouncers at a club, allegedly became embroiled in an argument with club patrons. As the argument escalated, one of the patrons produced a weapon and fired at the bouncers. The bouncers returned fire, and continued to shoot into the patrons' vehicle even as they attempted to flee the scene. enforcement found the vehicle several blocks away, with one occupant dead and another severely wounded. SERFTF investigators developed information indicating the employment schedules of Slusher, Hardy, and Florence, and furthermore learned that all three individuals would work at the same time. Law enforcement personnel responded to the scene, cordoned off the area, and moved in to arrest Slusher, Hardy, and Florence. SERFTF and SWAT units safely took all three men into custody.







Clockwise from top left: Fredrick Florence, London Slusher & William Hardy

Wanted for: Murder & Aggravated Assault

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On May 04, 2006 Jose Santos Buruca-Velazquez was arrested in Nashville, TN by members of CARFTF, members of the District of Columbia Superior Court Fugitive Warrant Squad, and members of the Middle District of Tennessee / Nashville Fugitive Task Force. Authorities wanted Buruca-Velazquez for multiple counts of Incest, Aggravated Rape, and Sexual Abuse of a Minor. Buruca-Velazquez allegedly sexually assaulted a minor child more than thirty times over a period of several years. Investigators tracked Buruca-Velazquez across eleven states, and eventually captured him in Nashville. Buruca-Velazquez faces three life-terms if convicted.



Jose Santos Buruca-Velazquez Wanted for: Aggravated Rape, Incest & Sex Abuse of a Minor